

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 12

June 26, 2012

SUBJECT: THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION RIBBON - ESTABLISHED

PURPOSE: This Order establishes the Los Angeles Police Department Commendation Ribbon. This uniform ribbon has been created to recognize individual sworn employees who have received a minimum of 40 commendations.

PROCEDURE: The Los Angeles Police Department Commendation Ribbon is not issued by the Department but is authorized for sworn employees who meet the criteria.

I. COMMENDATION RIBBON - ESTABLISHED. A commendation ribbon will be authorized after a sworn employee has received 40 commendations and completed the approval process. Citizen letters, minor and major commendations will be the documentation computed towards the ribbon. Class D commendations will not be counted as part of the total 40 commendations needed to receive the ribbon.

Additional devices (Bronze Star, Silver Star, and Gold Star) shall be computed as follows:

- * 80 commendations shall be denoted by a single 3/16-inch Bronze Star device placed in the center of the ribbon;
- * 120 commendations shall be denoted by a single 3/16-inch Silver Star device placed in the center of the ribbon; and,
- * 160 commendations shall be denoted by a single 3/16-inch Gold Star device placed in the center of the ribbon.

II. PROCEDURES FOR AUTHORIZING EACH AWARD. Sworn employees will be responsible for keeping track of their own eligibility for the issuance of the Commendation Ribbon. Sworn personnel may request consideration for the ribbon by completing an Employee's Report, Form 15.07.00.

A Department supervisor shall review each request and verify the eligibility by reviewing the employee's Training Evaluation and Management System (TEAMS) II report and/or personnel employee files. The supervisor will determine the employee's eligibility on the same Employee's Report and forward it to their commanding officer.

After approval by their commanding officer, the Employee's Report will be maintained in the officer's divisional employee file. The sworn employee will be authorized to purchase and wear the Commendation Ribbon on his/her uniform.

Under Department Manual Section 3/637.20, *Authorized Department Ribbons*, the Los Angeles Police Department Commendation Ribbon will be worn between the Human Relations Medal and the Patrol Service Ribbon in descending order of precedence.

AMENDMENTS: This Order amends Sections 3/637.20, 3/756, and adds Section 3/637.46 to the Department Manual.

AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY: The Commanding Officer, Internal Audits and Inspections Division, shall review this directive and determine whether an audit or inspection shall be conducted in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.



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Chief of Police

Attachment

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Los Angeles Police Department
Police Commendation Ribbon

